

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

TOPIC Puetnitz Airfield

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1. Between 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. during the period from 2 through 12 July, air-to-air firing was practiced daily by MiG-15s in the Hiddensee-Darsser Ort area and over Damgarten. The plane, which towed a red air sleeve, was flying back and forth in a straight line at an altitude of about 400 meters. The air sleeve was fired at by three or four MiG-15s flying in formation. While one of them was making an approach from the front or the side, the other MiG-15s were circling over the target-tow plane. After termination of the firing practices, the formation would leave toward Damgarten, while another formation of MiG-15s would arrive from the same direction. The target-tow plane was much slower and larger than a MiG-15.
2. On 28 and 29 July, source observed firing practices at Zingst by jet fighters from Damgarten. A twin-engine plane was towing two balloons, which were fired at by jet fighters. Sometimes, up to seven jet fighters were seen aloft. Source moreover observed simulated firing at a biplane conducted by AAA units at Puetnitz airfield. (1)
3. On 25 July, 22 MiG-15s **25X1** were seen on the runway of the field. Five additional MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars and on hardstands. Red Nos 1184 and 1518 were identified. According to a civilian employed at the field, a total of 65 to 70 aircraft was stationed at the installation. (2) The air intake of the jet fighters was closed by a red disc with an attached red flag. Prior to the take-off, the disc was removed. On their right-hand side, the MiG-15 were fitted with a gun of about 30-mm caliber. and on the left-hand side with two heavy machine guns of about 20-mm caliber.
4. On 15 August, the occupation of the field was unchanged. **25X1** two air regiments and two auxiliary regiments were stationed at the field. (2) Supply officer at the installation was Captain Sorodin. Twelve civilians were employed as craftsmen and drivers at the depot of the field. (4)

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5. Heavy AA guns were emplaced at the field, mostly near the sea and the Puetnitz Estate, but light AA guns were also seen. (5)
Four containers about 10 meters long and with a diameter of 2½ meters were observed half dug in a fuel dump at the end of the spur track. There was a loading ramp by the side of a shed in the barracks area. A radio installation with one mast and two small wooden cabins was at the extension of the runway to the east. The field was provided with runway lights; searchlights mounted on trucks were also observed. (6)

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6. Between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. on 31 July, four canvas-covered MiG-15s were observed at the installation near the sheep farm. At 4 p.m., the field was crossed by a G-25 towing an air sleeve. A single-engine plane was flying behind the air sleeve. At 4:20 p.m., MiG-15 fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks took off. At 5 p.m. the plane landed again.

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The wings of the plane were painted in black and white stripes; black and white stripes were also observed on the white fuselage. (7)

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7. a troop train was dispatched to the installation on 30 July. about 70 trucks loaded with personnel and guns fitted with four rubber-tired wheels proceeded by road toward the field on the same day.

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8. On 28 August, a large crate for a jet plane was dispatched from Danzig to the airfield.

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Comments.

- (1) It is believed that the aircraft of the two fighter regiments from Puetnitz airfield practiced firing at towed air sleeves over the Baltic Sea near the Narva peninsula. The balloons reportedly observed by source probably were air sleeves.

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- (2) two fighter regiments with their assigned OATBs are stationed at Puetnitz airfield. This information would agree with the 65 to 70 aircraft mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present report.

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- (4) This officer is reported for the first time.

- (5) The presence at Puetnitz of AA guns is reported for the first time. According to previous information, a train of 112 axles was dispatched from Parchin to Danzig on 30 July 1952. As Parchin airfield was evacuated in connection with improvement work there, it may be assumed that the AA units previously stationed there, moved to Danzig. Information on the number and caliber of the guns involved is not available.

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- (6) The radio installation with one mast probably was the inner low-frequency approach beacon.

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